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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: QUADRILATERAL GUIDANCE - AD HOC GROUP MET
AFTERNOON OF APRIL 3 AND DECIDED ON GUIDELINES FOR NEXT
QUADRILATERAL PROBE WITH EAST ON APRIL 4. ALLIED EMISSARIES
ARE TO ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP A BASIC PROCEDURES TEXT INCLUDING
BRACKETS WHERE NECESSARY. BASIS FOR TEXT WILL BE ALLIED 8
FEBRUARY PROCEDURES PAPER WITH ADDITION OF TWO DRAFT UNILATERAL
STATEMENTS AFTER LIST OF DIRECT PARTICIPANTS. IF EAST RAISES
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ISSUE OF ENLARGEMENT FORMULA, ALLIED EMISSARIES WILL ATTEMPT TO GET OTHER SIDE TO BE MORE SPECIFIC AND ADVANCE ACTUAL PHRASING. ALLIES EMISSARIES WILL STRESS THAT ENLARGEMENT FORMULA ONLY SOLVES EASTERN CONCERNS NOT ALLIES CONCERNS AND PUSH HARD ON NEED FOR UNILATERAL STATEMENTS. AUSTRIAN ROLE - GROUP AGREED TO ENDORSE AUSTRIAN DESIRE TO PLAN A RECEPTION FOR ALL 19 ON AN UNSPECIFIED DATE AFTER EASTER. AGENDA DISCUSSION - GROUP AGREED THAT PROBES ON HUNGARIAN QUESTION HAD NOT YET REACHED POINT WHERE THE QUADRILATERAL CHANNLE COULD EFFECTIVELY BEGIN AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF AGENDA. BELGIUM REP INDICATED HE HAD REQUESTED HIS AUTHORITIES TO RECONSIDER THEIR OPPOSITION TO AGENDA DISCUSSION BEFORE THE HUNGARIAN ISSUE IS RESOLVED. END SUMMARY.

2. BILATERAL REPOSTS - BUTCH REP (QUARLES) REPORTED ON A BILATERAL WITH SOVIET REP, TIMERBAYEV. SOVIET REP INDICATED AN INTEREST IN SEEKING BOTH INDIGENOUS AND STATIONED FORCE REDUCTIONS IN EARLY STAGES OF MBFR, IN PARTICULAR REDUCTION OF INDIGENOUS EAST AND WEST GERMAN FORCES. TIMERBAYEV QUESTIONED WHAT HE DETECTED AS A LESSENING INTEREST IN INDIGENOUS REDUCTIONS BY FRG. TIMERBAYEV SHOWED A READINESS TO UNOFFICIALLY DEVELOP THE SPECIFICS OF A PROCEDURES PAPER AT NEXT QUADRILATERAL MEETING. CANADIAN REP READ REPORT OF A MEETING BETWEEN CANADIAN/ ROMANIAN OFFICIALS IN BUCHAREST. ROMANIANS MERELY REITERATED KNOWN ROMANINA ARGUMENTS FOR REGIONAL TYPE REDUCTIONS CONFERENCES, ENLARGED PARTICIPATION IN MBFR, AND THE AVOIDANCE OF TWO- POWER DICISION TAKING. BELGIUM REP, ADREAENSSEN, ADDED THAT A WEEK AGO THE ROMANIAN MBFR REP HAD MENTIONED TO HIM ROMANIA WAS GOING TO GIVE UP ON THEIR FORMAL CSCE 4 TH BASKET PROPOSAL FOR OFFICIAL LINKAGE BETWEEN CSCE AND MBFR.

3. QUADRILATERAL GUIDANCE

A. AGENDA - CHAIRMAN, BELGIAN REP, ASKED GROUP IF THE NEXT QUADRILATERAL MEETING SHOULD BE USED TO BEGIN INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF AGENDA AND THEN SUGGESTED THAT IT NOT BE SINCE HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED SUCH AUTHORIZATION FROM HIS AUTHORITIES. GROUP AGREED THAT HUNGARIAN QUESTION DISCUSSIONS WERE NOT YET AT POINT WHERE AGENDA DISCUSSIONS COULD ALSO BE INITIATED. AT US REP' S SUGGESTION, IT WAS AGREED TO BEGIN CONSIDERATION OF HOW AGENDA MIGHT BE PRESENTED BUT NOT YET DECIDE WHEN OR HOW TO DO IT.

B. HUNGARIAN PROBLEM - DUTCH AND US REPS SUGGESTED NEXT
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QUADRILATERAL MEETING BE USED TO DEVELOP A BASIC PROCEDURES

TEXT USING BRACKETS WHERE NECESSARY. ALLIED 8 FEBRUARY PAPER WOULD SERVE AS BASIS FOR PAPER WITH THE TWO GROUP APPROVED UNILATERAL STATEMENTS ADDED TO THE PARAGRAPH LISTING THE DIRECT PARTICIPANTS. HUNGARY WOULD BE PLACED IN BRACKETS IF LISTED IN EITHER LIST. UK REP, ROBERTS, ADDED SUGGESTION THAT EMISSARIES COULD PURSUE HUNGARIAN REP'S STATEMENT AT LAST MEETING THAT HUNGARY MIGHT CONSIDER PARTICIPATION IN SOME AGREEMENTS DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION AT THE TIME. UK REP ALSO SUGGESTED ALLIED EMISSARIES SEEK MORE SPECIFIC DETAILS FROM EAST ON THEIR ENLARGEMENT FORMULA WORDING. DUTCH REP THEN INDICATED AN INTEREST IN AN ENLARGEMENT FORMULA WHICH INCLUDED THE PHRASE " WITH FORCES OR TERRITORY IN CENTRAL EUROPE." HE INDICATED SUCH A CLAUSE MIGHT SOLVE ALL OUR PROBLEMS, BUT THIS CONCLUSION WAS OPPOSED BY TURKISH REP, TULEMAN, WHO ARGUED THAT ENLARGEMENT FORMULAE WERE DECEIVING AND THAT WEST SHOULD AVOID INDICATING TO THE EAST THAT A GENERAL ENLARGEMENT FORMULA COULD BE A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION ALTHOUGH IT COULD LISTEN TO EASTERN VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT.

4. GUIDANCE FOR EAST GERMAN RECEPTION - GROUP TURNED TO DISCUSSION OF GUIDANCE FOR CONVERSATIONS AT EAST GERMAN RECEPTION NIGHT OF 3 APRIL. GROUP AGREED TO STRESS THAT:

(A) THERE IS NO NEED FOR AN EASTER RECESS BECAUSE THE NATO POSITION ON HUNGARY IS NOT GOING TO BE REVIEWED;

(B) THE UNILATERAL STATEMENT APPROACH TO THE HUNGARIAN ISSUE WAS NECESSARY IF A NEUTRAL AND ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION WAS TO BE FOUND;

(C) IT WAS THE TURN OF THE EAST TO OFFER MORE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS.

5. NEXT MEETING WAS SET FOR 1630 APRIL 4 AFTER THE QUADRILATERAL MEETING PLANNED FOR THE MORNING OF SAME DAY. HUMES

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